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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter, one (1) page; and
- (2) Response to Official Action, sixteen (16) pages.

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in the above-identified application responsive to the Official Action dated July 16, 2008. The three month shortened statutory period for response expires October 16, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

A Conclusion appears on page 15 of this paper.